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Dear Sir:

I am a developer, I have an interest in the outcome of this case because it could affect my career and ability to earn a living. When I was a student, I could not afford a computer from Apple and Unix machines were more expensive than Apple machines. I bought an IBM compatible pc that ran DOS.

Besides running on cheap hardware, Microsoft makes lots of software available for little or no cost (For example check out their Platform SDK (software development kit) at http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/sdkintro/usage_1817.asp?frame=true). The reason Microsoft is big is because they provide the best value and people trust that they will be in business tomorrow.

I have been involved in seven projects writing applications for Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser and only one project that supports browsers in addition to Microsoft's. The decision to not support other browsers was always made by the company paying for the development. The reason was always the same: it would cost too much and it would take too long to implement the functionality the company wanted.

So before we kill Microsoft, let's find a replacement that everyone can afford.

Thanks,
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